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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/421,106
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Inventor: Joseph R. BYRUM
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Appellants' Brief and accompanying Appendix A (in triplicate);
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
3. Check No. 200896 in the amount of \$320.00 for submission of Appellants' Brief in support of an appeal; and
4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures